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**In re application of:** Nicolas B. Cobb

**Application No.** 10/696,276

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PERFORMING OPC USING MODEL  
CURVATURE

**Examiner:** Juan Carlos Ochoa

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**Attorney Reference No.** 1011-78033-02

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of the claims. Responsive to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance (the "Statement") in the Notice of Allowability dated August 29, 2007.

Applicant's comments as follows.

Applicant agrees that the cited prior art, taken singly or in combination, fails to teach the invention as claimed. Applicant traverses the Examiner's statement that the prior art of record teaches the claimed invention substantially. The invention is different from the prior art and is not substantially taught by the prior art. Applicant also notes that in some instances the language attributed by the Examiner to a claim does not identically appear or appear at all in the identified claim. To the extent that the Examiner's Statement uses language not identically appearing in or extraneous to the claims, Applicant notes that the claims are not limited by such language.

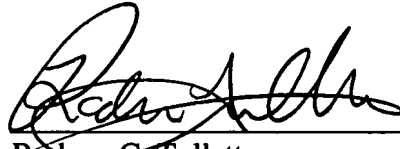
Instead, each claim is defined only by the language in each respective claim, and the language of each claim speaks for itself.

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**Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:**

- ☒ In connection with issuance of a patent:
  - ☒ Supplemental Declaration
  - ☒ Form PTOL-85b
- ☒ Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Formal Drawings (1 sheet – Figures 11A-11B)
- ☒ Issue Fee (\$1440.00)
- ☒ Publication Fee (\$300.00)
- ☒ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4550 in the amount of \$1740.00. This sheet is submitted in **triplicate**.
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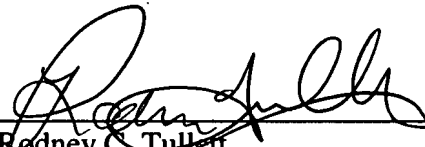
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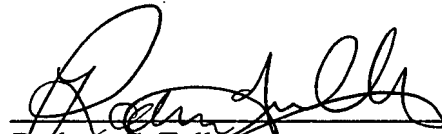
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